STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The procedure for filling complaints/applications by various parties including consumers for seeking redressal of their grievances under the provisions of the MRTP Act, 1969 has been laid down in the MRTP Commission Regulations, 1991. These regulations have been notified *vide* GSR No. 283(E) dated 27th May, 1991.

(b) The Central Office of the Commission is located at Delhi. Under the provisions of Section 16 of the Act, the Commission may sit at such places in India and at such times as may be convenient for the exercise of its powers or functions under the Act. In terms of this provision, the Commission, at times, has held its sittings at different places outside Delhi also.

(c) and (d) During the last three years, the Commission received 14,779 complaints and disposed of 13,547 complaints. During the same period, the Commission decided 1,553 enquiry cases. 99 cases were under investigation as on 30th April, 1992.

(e) and (f) The provisions of the MRTP Act have been recently further strengthened through the MRTP (Amendment) Act, 1991 in order to enable the Commission to take appropriate action in respect of Monopolistic, Restrictive and Unfair Trade Practices. Accordingly, the Commission has been requested to make an assessment of the staffing and organisational requirement, which may be required.

1658. [*Transferred to the 14th May*, 1992.]

Militants Share in Development Fund

1659. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news items captioned "Militants take their share of Development Funds" appearing in the Statesman, New Delhi dated the 23rd April, 1992;

(b) if so, what is the reaction thereto;

(c) whether any appraisal has at any stage been made by the Planning Commission to see whether plan money has been properly utilised for development by the J&K Government during the last three years and not siphoned off during these years of insurgency; and

(d) if so, what is its outcome and if not, the reasons therefor and how it is checked that the Plan funds are fully utilised for the purpose for which they are granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to implement and monitor the schemes/projects in the State Plans. However, monitoring of important individual projects is done by the concerned administrative Ministry. Planning Commission only evaluates the performance in respect of progress of expenditure and the fiscal target in key areas at the time of the finaalisation of State's Annual Plans.

People Living Below Poverty Line at the end of Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans

1660. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of Planning and Programme Implementation be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons and percentage to the total population living below poverty line at the end of fifth, sixth and seventh five year plans;

(b) what is the ratio of such persons to the population of each State during the above period; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated to reduce their number in the eighth plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Actual